

Gateway Today

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"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

"Where are they now?"

Does the ministry of Gateway have a long-term effect on the lives of the women we've seen?

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow." I Corinthians 3:7

□ Remember Melinda?

Melinda came to Gateway in early 1994. She lived in Irvington. After finding out that she was pregnant, Melinda's mom asked her to leave their home. At age 18 she found herself pregnant and homeless. Gateway referred her to the House of New Beginnings (now known as the Friendship Center for New Beginnings) in High Bridge, NJ. She stayed there throughout her pregnancy and for one year after her delivery.



It was there that she accepted Christ on July 24, 1994 through a Latin Evangelical Outreach Bible Correspondence Course offered to her at Gateway. She wrote us in 1994: 'I am doing fine. I am studying my Bible every

day and getting a closer walk with the Lord. I haven't forgot to pray for the Center and the people who helped me a great deal. - you, Cathy, and Maria' She wrote again saying, 'Thanks for your help. I'm so glad the Lord brought you into my life.'

... 10 years later...

In August 2004 we received this wonderful email:

Subject: Melinda Gaudier: Please read
From: Melinda Lovett <mlovett124@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2004 20:43:58 -0700 (PDT)
To: dean@gateway.org

Hello Mr. Dean Gavaris,

How are you doing? You probably don't remember me... my name is Melinda Gaudier Lovett. Lovett is my married name. I was a pregnant teenager when I came to your center 1994. You and a lady (I think that her name was Cathy, she was from Bayonne) helped me with my problems and got me into the House of New Beginnings in High Bridge, NJ. And after that I moved to Plainfield, NJ. I use to go around to speaking engagements with you along with my daughter Melishia.

Anyways, now that I have acquainted myself, How is everything with the center? And how is your wife and son? How is Cathy doing? I was surprise to have come across your website when I was looking on the internet.

Well, as for what is going on in my life. I am doing great praise God... I have been married to a wonderful man name Lafayette Lovett for seven years, we live in Rahway, NJ with our three beautiful kids and another one on the way due in March of 2005. My kids name are Melishia (whom you met when she was a baby). She is now 9 yrs and is going into fourth grade. She is a straight "A" student and very talented in everything she endeavors to do. Each day I look at her and thank God for the decision not to abort her, because she brings me so much joy and is my best friend. She also contributes alot to society with her caring heart. My second child is Malcolm he is six years old and is going to the first grade, my third child Malina-Joelle she four years old and is entering school for the first time come September.

As for me, I have been a stay at home mother for six years and is loving it. I thank God for the opportunity that he has given me to stay at home and raise my children because I am able to be hands on with them and to prepare them for life. I am also able to devote a lot of time to my ministry in helping others to come to know the love of God.

I thank you so much for the wonderful work that your center has done for girls like me that have been through your center and for the future girls who would be bless to be associated with you. I have learned alot of things from being a young wild teen to the mother of three that I am today. But one thing that your center has taught me to do was to love God and his son Jesus Christ and to rely on him. You have planted that seed it was watered and now it is continuing to grow. (1 Corinthian 3: 6) Thanks.

May your tireless effort, never go unreward.

Please e-mail me back when you get a chance I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Melinda Lovett

□ Remember Sonya?

No abortion for drug suspect

Minister inspires change of heart
By NITA PARMER
Times Staff Writer

What might have been the one decision that has saved her life? That's the question that her public defender may try to articulate tomorrow when she goes to court to decide whether or not to allow her to plead guilty to a charge of second-degree assault.

By the time the judge handed off the case to the state attorney general, two days ago, the defense had no idea what the outcome would be.

On Wednesday, January 21, in the Essex County Superior Court in Newark, the defense team will be represented by the men who have been instrumental in Sonya's recovery over the last year: Rev. Dr. John C. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newark, and Rev. Dr. James A. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth.

The defense team is asking the court to accept a guilty plea and impose a



Some 400 people gathered outside Newark Superior Court yesterday to protest the trial of Sonya, a woman charged with assaulting a police officer during a search for a drug suspect.

"I wanted God to help me decide to send the same sort of message I wish people to see is what has been," says

Rev. Dr. James A. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newark, who has been instrumental inSonya's recovery over the last year.

He adds, "We're here to support Sonya."

He says he is grateful to the



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Sonya Jackson and Elva
Messiah Jackson, now age 7



Sonya Jackson and her daughter Messiah visited us this month in Irvington. Sonya now lives in Trenton. Messiah is a bright, straight "A" student. Sonya is doing well, and we thank the Lord for His blessings upon the Jackson family.



Praise the Lord! and please keep praying for the ministry

- ✓ Pray for open hearts to receive Jesus
- ✓ Thank Him for the 34 women and men who've come to know Christ at Gateway during the year 2004
- ✓ Praise God for the nearly more women we will be seeing this year as opposed to last year

Our Baby Bottle 2005 campaign is just around the corner (January 23 through February 27th). If your church would like to participate, give us a call.



Join Us



Gateway Volunteer Training

January 6,8,13 and 15, 2005.

Is the Lord calling you to serve at Gateway?



Merry Christmas from the Gateway family to your family!

"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe." (Eph. 1:17-19)

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